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For: DIFFRACTION GRATING, METHOD OF FABRICATING DIFFRACTION OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE, AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005, Applicants elect Species III. At least claims 19-26, 34 and 35/34 should be readable on the elected species. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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